

Marxian Club Socialists

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WHAT IS SLAVERY?

'Tis to work, and have such pay
As keeps life from day to day,
In your limbs, as in a cell,
For the tyrant's use to dwell.

So that ye for them are made,
Loom and plough, and sword, and
spade;
With or without your will, bent
To their defense and nourishment.

'Tis to see your children weak,
With their mothers pine and peak,
When the winter winds are bleak—
They are dying while I speak.

'Tis to hunger for such diet,
As the rich man in his riot,
Casts to the fat dogs that lie,
Surfeiting beneath his eye.

'Tis to see the ghost of gold
Take from toll a thousand-fold,
More than e'er its substance could
In the tyrannies of old.

'Tis to be a slave in soul,
And to hold no strong control
Over your own will, but be
All that others make of ye.

—Percy Bysshe Shelley.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISM.

Basis of the Materialist Conception of History.

The materialist conception of history proceeds upon the principle that production, and, next to production, the exchange of its products, is the groundwork of every social order; and that in every social order that has arisen historically the distribution of the products, together with the social divisions into classes and orders, depends upon that which is produced, and the manner in which it is produced, and also upon the manner in which the articles produced are exchanged. According to this, the prime causes of all social changes and political revolutions are to be traced, not to the heads of men, not to their increasing perception of "eternal truth and justice," but to the changes in the method of production and exchange; they are to be traced, not to the philosophy, but to the economics of the respective epochs. The awakening perception that existing social institutions are unreasonable and unjust, that sense has become nonsense, and right wrong, is only an evidence that, in the methods of production and forms of exchange, changes have silently taken place with which the social order, fitted to the previous economic conditions, is no longer in keeping. Hereby it is at the same time implied that the means for the removal of the discovered abuses must be latent and more or less developed in the changed conditions of production themselves. But

these means are not to be invented by the brains, they are to be discovered, with the aid of the brains, in the material facts of production that are now at hand.

How, now, does it stand with modern Socialism?

The existing social order—and this point is now pretty generally conceded—is the creation of the present ruling class, the capitalist class. The method of production peculiar to the capitalist class, which, since the time of Marx, has been designated "capitalist production" was incompatible with the privileges appertaining to localities and estates, as well as with the mutual and personal bonds of the feudal order. The capitalist class destroyed the feudal order and erected upon its ruins the constitution of capitalist society, the empire of free competition, liberty of emigration, equality of rights among owners of commodities, and what all the other capitalist beatitudes may be. Thenceforth, capitalist production could uncoil with freedom. Since steam and modern machinery had transformed the old system of manufacture into that of production in gross, industry, nurtured under the fostering care of the capitalist class, expanded with a rapidity and to a degree never before heard of. But the same as, in its days, manufacture and the handicraft that, under its influence, was further developed, came in conflict with the feudal trammels of the guild system, so likewise does production in gross, when it reaches fuller perfection, come in conflict with the limits within which the capitalist method of production confines it. Already the new powers of production have grown over the head of the capitalist form of their utilization. The conflict between the powers and the mode of production is not one that has sprung up from the head of man, like that between original sin and divine justice; it exists in the facts, objectively, outside of ourselves, independent of the wishes and doings of even those who have ushered it in. Modern Socialism is nothing else but the intellectual reflex of this actual conflict, whose image is found first of all in the heads of that class which suffers directly by it, namely, the working class.

THE PROFIT-MAKING SYSTEM

It is profit which draws men into enormous, unmanageable aggregations called towns, for instance, in which crowds them up when there is there into quarters without gardens or open spaces; profit which won't take the most ordinary precautions against wrapping a whole district in a cloud of sulphurous smoke; which turns beautiful rivers into filthy sewers, which condemns all but the rich to live in houses of idiotic crampy and confined at best, and at worst in

houses for whose wretchedness there is no name.

William Morris.

Cardinal Gibbons having announced the meteorologic connection there was between the overflow of the Seine, and the consequent inundation of Paris, with the "ungodly conduct of the French government" towards the Religious Orders, the learned gentleman should now not fail to explain the meteorologic connection there is between the overflow of the river Ahr, the inundation of the Elbel region, and the consequent death of over 200 persons besides the destruction of the property of many more—all in the region, with Cologne as the center, that is a stronghold of the German Roman Catholic political party, the Centrum.—N. Y. People.

UNCLE SAM AND BROTHER JONATHAN

Brother Jonathan—You Socialists are all hypocrites. You talk peace and you advocate force!

Uncle Sam—Advocate force?

B. J.—Yes; you say that if the capitalists dispute the Socialist vote which establishes the co-operative commonwealth and raise an army to defend their property, you will meet that army with force.

U. S.—Why, certainly, we will.

B. J.—And that's wrong, I say.

U. S.—Hold your horses a bit. Did Lincoln want war or peace?

B. J.—He wanted peace.

U. S.—Was it then hypocritical on Lincoln's part to use arms to free the chattel slave?

B. J.—No, of course not. He had to do so to save the Union.

U. S.—Was it wrong, then?

B. J.—No, not even wrong; it was inevitable and perfectly justified.

U. S.—In light of the fact that more than four million families, or nearly one-third of the nation, must get along on an income less than \$400, can you deny that the working class of America today is in a condition materially as bad if not worse than that of the chattel slave?

B. J.—No.

U. S.—In view of the increased cost of living and the intensification of labor now going on, can you deny that their condition is steadily growing worse?

U. S.—No, I cannot.

U. S.—In the light of both these facts together—

B. J.—Something must be done about it, and done quick.

U. S.—By curbing the capitalists by law?

B. J.—Well—

U. S.—No, Jonathan, curbing by law will not stand. Just as the slaveholder was fettered by his material interests and could not free or even ameliorate the condition of his slaves, the capitalist cannot give up his mines and factories, or improve the lot of his workmen. As long as wage slavery stands, the fate of the wage slave must grow ever worse. Just as the plantation lord was forced to maltreat the chattel slave who was his through feudal right, in order to keep his own head above water, so the factory lord is compelled for the same reason, to maltreat the wage slave, who becomes a slave by reason of the master's ownership of property which the slave needs in order to live. All that could ever be said about slavery being un-Christian and a sin in the eyes of God can be applied with tripled and quadrupled force to the present industrial system. It also will have to go. "Getting together" and compromising will prove just as devoid of help for the wage slave as they did for the chattel slave. The working class of the land is fast waking up to this fact, and by organizing in the Socialist Labor Party and laboring for the Industrial Integral Union, is drilling itself to take possession of the means of production and distribution, and run them for the benefit of the whole people, and not of the parasites. And if the parasites dare to oppose armed force to the will of the people, force on the part of the people will then become every whit as justifiable if not more so—as it did for the Abolitionists.

B. J.—So it will; and may I be there to help!

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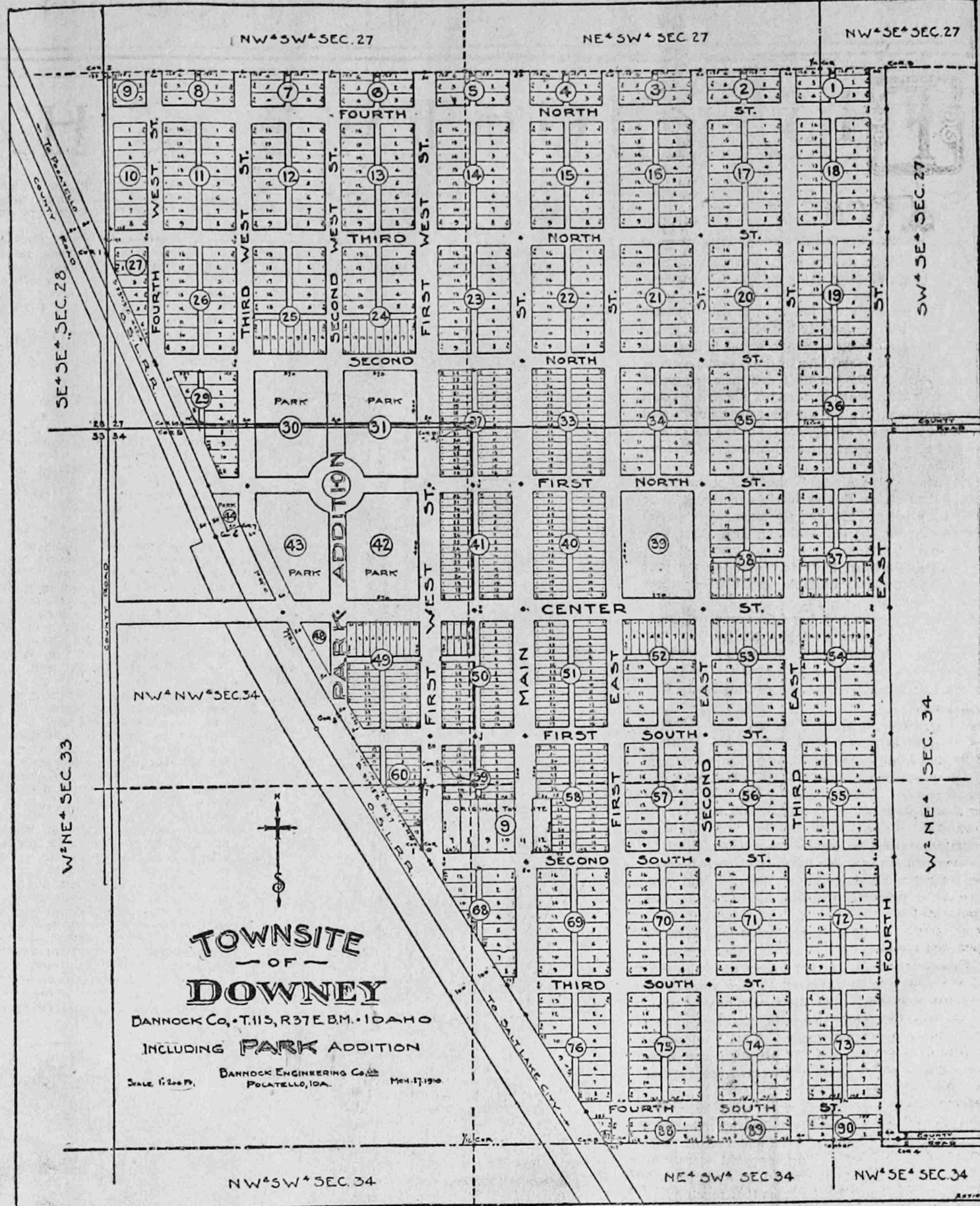
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WALL STREET LIQUIDATING

NEW YORK, July 1.—The action of the stock market today was in accordance with the usual symptoms following so violent a disturbance as that of yesterday. The mere fact of the arrest of the decline relieved the market of a weight of forced liquidation through wiping out margins and uncovering stop-loss orders. The immediate effect of a ripple holiday interval facilitated the disposition of the large short interest to cover, and this constituted an important sustaining influence. There was perceptible, also, the operation of the usual secondary causes in the reselling of stocks bought at the bottom prices yesterday by lucky speculators eager to secure quick profits, or by banking interests and insiders who bought yesterday solely for the purpose of checking demoralization and with no desire to retain their holdings. Still, another class of selling came from belated liquidation that had been carried through the break of yesterday to save heavy profits, with the idea of retiring at the first available opportunity.

Aside from the buying by the shorts there was not an aggressive demand and the situation of the buy-increased as prices extended their recovery. The needs of the bears still



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uncovered were indicated in raiding tactics on special stocks.

The issuance of the call for the condition of the national banks by the comptroller of the currency was given additional interest by the simultaneous call of the New York State banking department and the trust companies. The statement of the condition of all the great credit institutions on an identical date is particularly illuminating, owing to the check on any shifting of accounts between them which might disguise the real condition.

There is no doubt that a synchronous report of all the credit institutions throughout the country would be particularly valuable at this time, owing to the suspicion of extensive interests of national banks indirectly through operations of allied institutions in the land speculation. The present call from the comptroller, coming fully three months after the

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